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Army Olympian Profile: Spc. William “Bill” Tavares



**Women’s Bobsled
 U.S. Head Coach
 1998-Present**

**Date of Birth:
 April 16, 1963**

**Hometown:
 Tracy, California
 Lake Placid, N.Y.**

**Military Occupation:
 Infantryman**

**Military Rank:
 Specialist E-4**

2002 Winter Olympics Finish: Gold Medal, USA II

Spc. Tavares is the Head Coach for the U.S. Olympic Women’s Bobsled Team. His coaching achievements in the past five years include:

- Bronze medal at the 2004 World Championships
- 1 Silver medal and 1 Bronze medal at the 2003 World Cups
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the 2001 US Bobsled Olympic Trials
- 6 Gold, 3 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals at the 2000-2001 World Cups
- Silver at the 2000/2001 World Championships
- U.S. Women’s Bobsled Team named USOC Team of the Month in 2001, 2000, and 1999, and team of the year in 2002
- 5 Gold and 3 Silver medals at the 1999-2000 World Cups
- Named USOC Developmental Coach of the Year, 1999
- Team Driving Coach, US Olympic Team, 1998
- Runner Technology Advisor, US Olympic Team, 1998
- Team Coach, US National Team, 1997-1998
- Runner Technology Advisor, US National Team, 1997-1998

Spc. Tavares entered the Army August 6, 1982 because “I was interested in helicopters and wanted to go to flight school.” He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. in October 1982 and advanced individual training at Fort Rucker, Ala. in February 1983. When he is not on active duty, he is a member of the New York National Guard.

Prior to 1997, Spc. Tavares was team driver for the U.S. National Bobsled team, capturing gold, silver and bronze medals in 2-man and 4-man America’s Cup competitions. He was on the 1992 U.S. Olympic Luge team and won the 1991-92 Luge Doubles National Championship and the Luge World Cup Gold medal in 1991. He is a three-time Olympian.

He graduated from Tracy High School, Tracy, Calif. in 1988. He attended City University in Washington and Regents College, Albany, NY.